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IT'S BEEN FIVE
YEARS SINCE
I CAME BACK
TO BLÜDHAVEN.

FIVE YEARS SINCE
DAMIAN WAYNE...

SINCE ROBIN
DIED.

HE BLED OUT ON A
COLD STONE ALTAR, THE
SMELL OF DEATH MIXING
WITH CAMPHOR.

HE CONSIDERED
ME A FRIEND.
A BROTHER.

A MENTOR.

WHEENK

HIS MURDERER
SMILED. THROUGH
HIS LAUGHTER, HE
SAID SOMETHING
I ALREADY KNEW.

DAMIAN DIED
BECAUSE OF ME.



BECAUSE OF
DICK GRAYSON.

DEATHWING.

BUT I'M
NOT ALONE IN
MY GUILT. OTHERS
CONTRIBUTED
TO ROBIN'S
DEATH.

LIKE YOU,
PYG.

WHEENK?
P-PLEASE--

AND NOW
YOU NEED TO
SUFFER.

EXPERIENCE
TRAGEDY. BE
CHANGED...

...UNTIL
YOU NO LONGER
RECOGNIZE
YOUR OWN
FACE.

YOU
WILL LIVE THIS
TRAGEDY OVER AND
OVER, NIGHTWING. IT
WILL **POWER** YOU.
PREPARE YOU.

YOU
MUST BE A
FINELY TEMPERED
WEAPON.

IF YOU
ARE TO SURVIVE
THE DAWN TO
COME.

NIGHTWING MUST DIE!

FINALE

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WHAT'S WRONG...?
Er, CAN I CALL YOU
SOMETHING OTHER THAN
DEATHWING?

I DON'T
REMEMBER MY *NAME*.
I DON'T REMEMBER
MUCH FROM...
BEFORE.



WHY ARE YOU HERE WITH
ME? I SPIED ON YOU,
MS. TSANG.

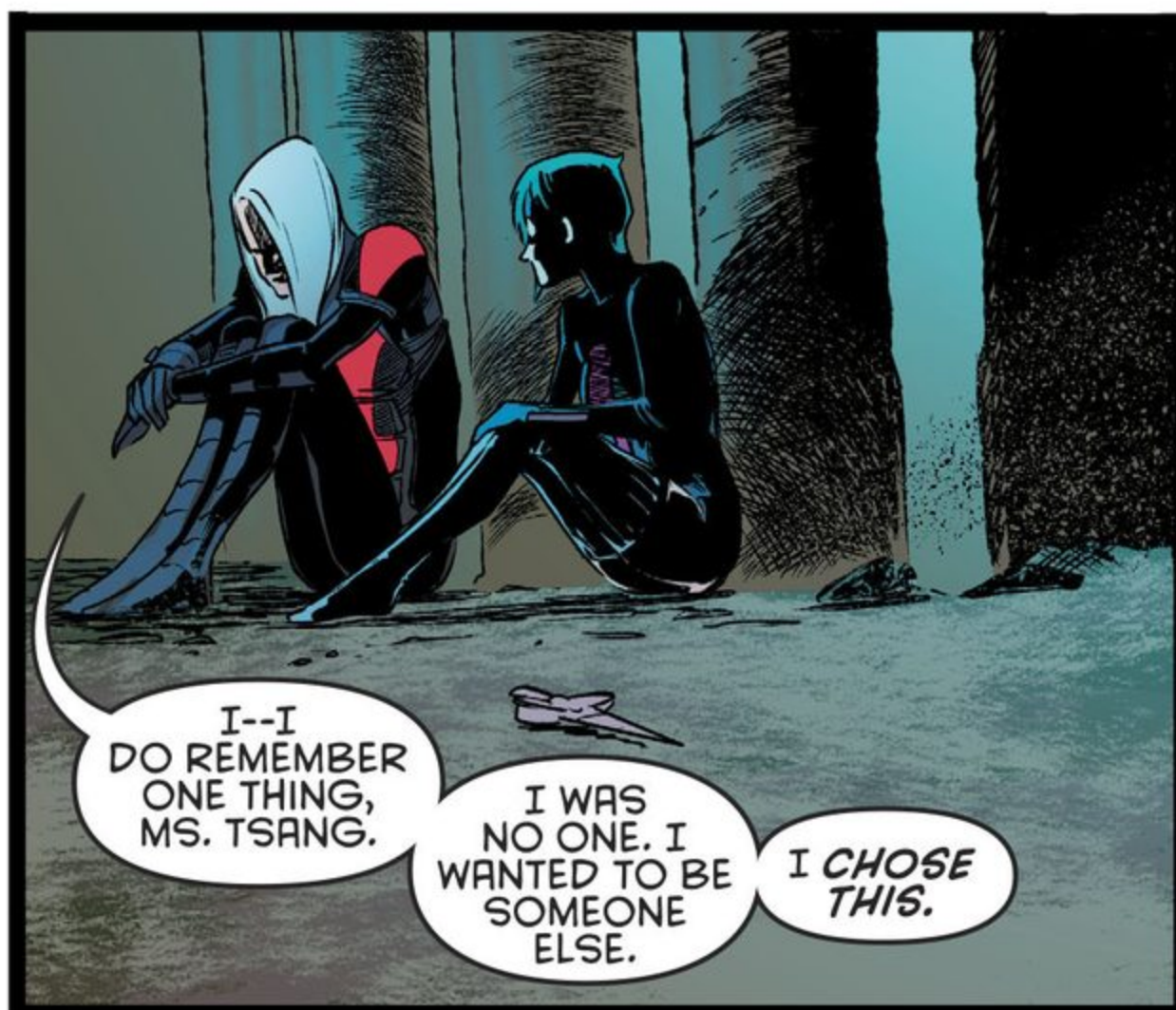
I LISTENED
UNTIL I HEARD YOU
TELL DICK YOU MIGHT
BE PREGNANT, BECAUSE
I KNEW THAT'S WHEN
IT WOULD *HURT*
THE MOST.

I *ATTACKED*
YOU. I *VANDALIZED*
YOUR PAINTINGS.
I TOOK YOU.

YOU DELIVERED
ME TO THAT SICK
BASTARD, *PYG*.

I KNOW.

BUT
YOU'RE A VICTIM
IN THIS. LIKE ALL
DOLLOTRONS. YOU
WERE *MADE INTO*
THIS AGAINST
YOUR WILL.



I--I
DO REMEMBER
ONE THING,
MS. TSANG.

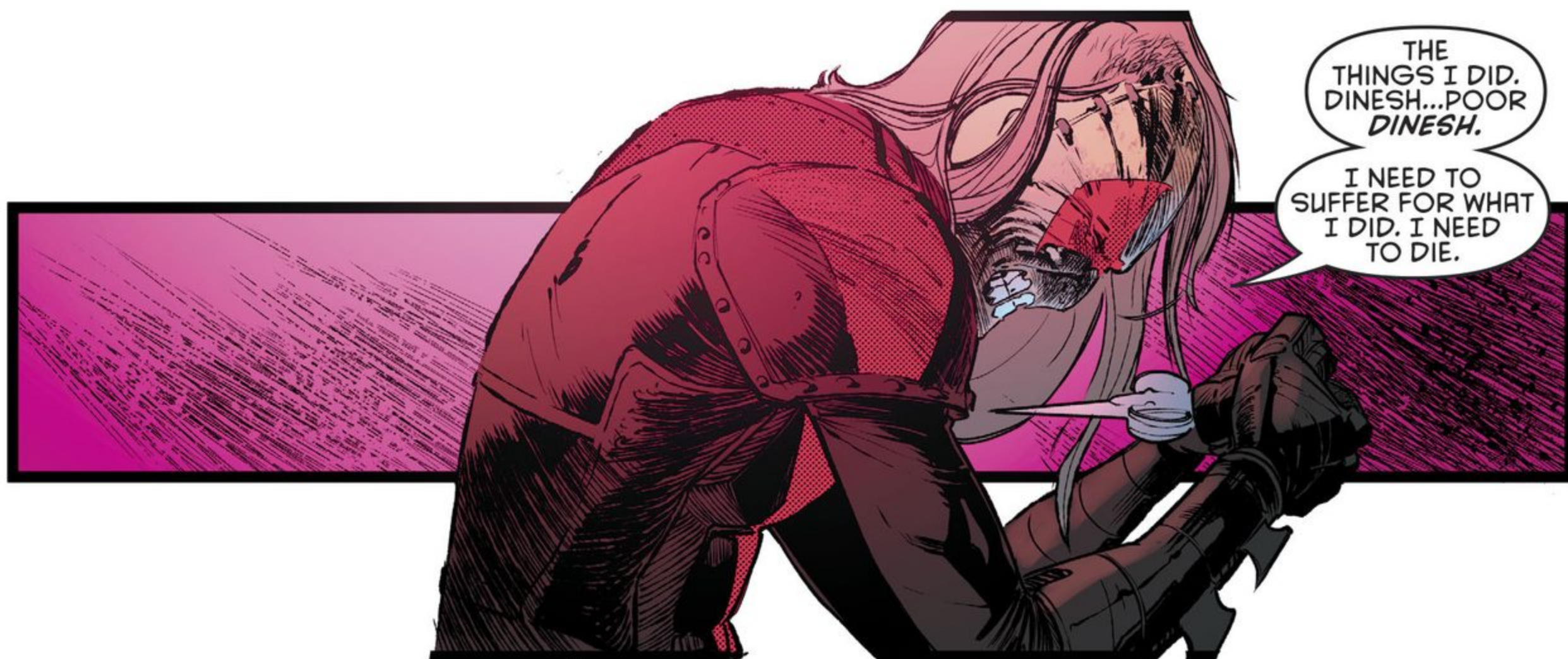
I WAS
NO ONE. I
WANTED TO BE
SOMEONE
ELSE.

I *CHOSE*
THIS.



DEATHWING!

I LET
THEM CUT AWAY
EVERYTHING I WAS,
AND SCULPT ME
INTO *THIS*.



THE THINGS I DID. DINESH...POOR *DINESH*.

I NEED TO SUFFER FOR WHAT I DID. I NEED TO DIE.



DEATHWING. LOOK AT ME. I KNOW HOW YOU'RE FEELING RIGHT NOW, OKAY?



I WAS HURT ONCE. I WAS ANGRY. I PUT ON A MASK TO BECOME SOMEONE ELSE. I LET SOMEONE USE ME.

I DID THINGS THAT HURT OTHER PEOPLE.



I THOUGHT IT WAS TOO LATE FOR ME, TOO. BUT I FOUND OUT THE SOLUTION WASN'T BLAMING THE MASK. IT WASN'T BLAMING THE PERSON WHO USED ME.



IT WAS OWNING WHO I WAS. ATONING FOR MY CRIMES.

ACCEPTING WHY I HATED THE FACE BENEATH THE MASK SO MUCH THAT I'D GIVEN UP ON IT.



WHEENK.
H-HURT ME.
MORE.

I WISH
I COULD. BUT
THIS IS THE END
OF PAIN--

TOK!

WHO?!

ME.

NIGHTWING.

NO.



THAT'S RIGHT, I TOOK YOUR NAME. I AM YOUR HEIR...

NO!



AND I WON'T LET YOU KILL PYG.

SNAK



YOU CAN'T BE NIGHTWING.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE TRIES TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ROBIN HOOD. HERCULES. BATMAN.

WHEN YOU TRY TO *PLAY* HERO.



KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
WUD

YOU LOSE EVERYONE. YOU LOSE YOURSELF.

~HNH~
~HNHN~

YOU DIE.



OH GOD...

DAMIAN?!



DAMIAN.



I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD.

NO! IT'S A TRICK!



ANOTHER DAMN TRICK!

THIS IS
WHAT YOU'VE
LET YOURSELF BE
REDUCED TO? THIS
MOCKERY?!

FWAP

PATHETIC!

DR. SIMON
HURT BROKE
YOU, BIT BY
BIT, UNTIL YOUR
FOUNDATION
FELL AWAY!

GUILT
AND FEAR
ARE THE ANCHOR
THAT DRAGGED
YOU TO THE
BOTTOM!

NOW YOU
DROWN, BLINDED
BY THE DARKNESS,
UNABLE TO
WAKE!

KRAK

W-WHO
ARE YOU?!

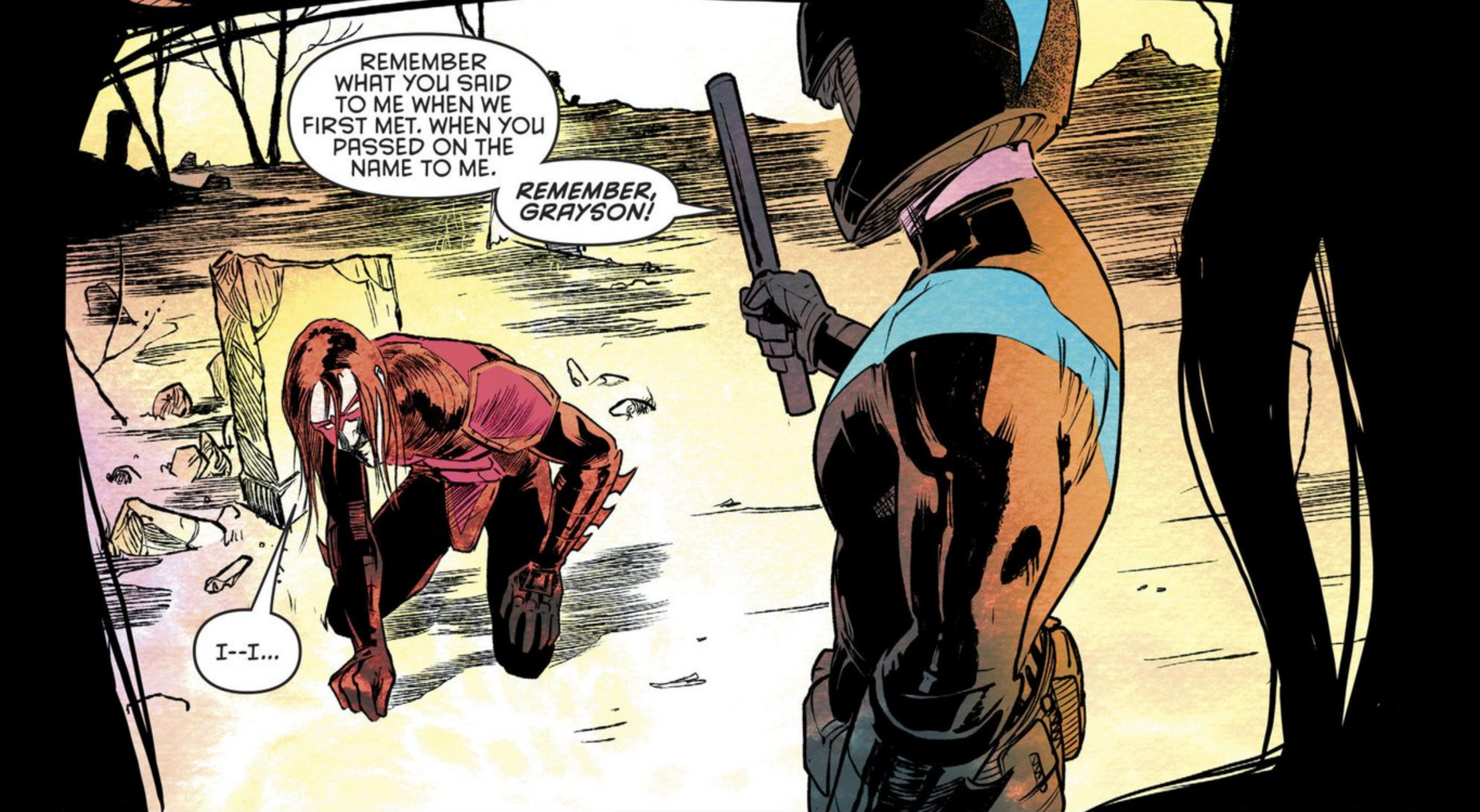


I AM
A COLLECTION
OF ALL THAT YOU
KNOW ME TO BE,
CULLED FROM OUR
MANY MOMENTS
TOGETHER!

I AM
DAMIAN WAYNE!
I AM THE BLOOD
SON OF *BRUCE*
WAYNE! I AM
ROBIN!

WHILE YOU
ARE NOT MY
FATHER'S BLOOD,
YOU ARE HIS
FIRST SON. YOU
ARE THE *FIRST*
ROBIN.

AND
THAT IS WHAT
MUST *SAVE*
YOU.



REMEMBER
WHAT YOU SAID
TO ME WHEN WE
FIRST MET. WHEN YOU
PASSED ON THE
NAME TO ME.

REMEMBER,
GRAYSON!

I--I...



...I SAID...

"ALL OF
YOUR FATHER'S
GREATNESS STEMS
FROM HIS *ANGER*.
HIS PAIN. HIS LOSS.
THAT'S WHAT *MAKES*
BATMAN.

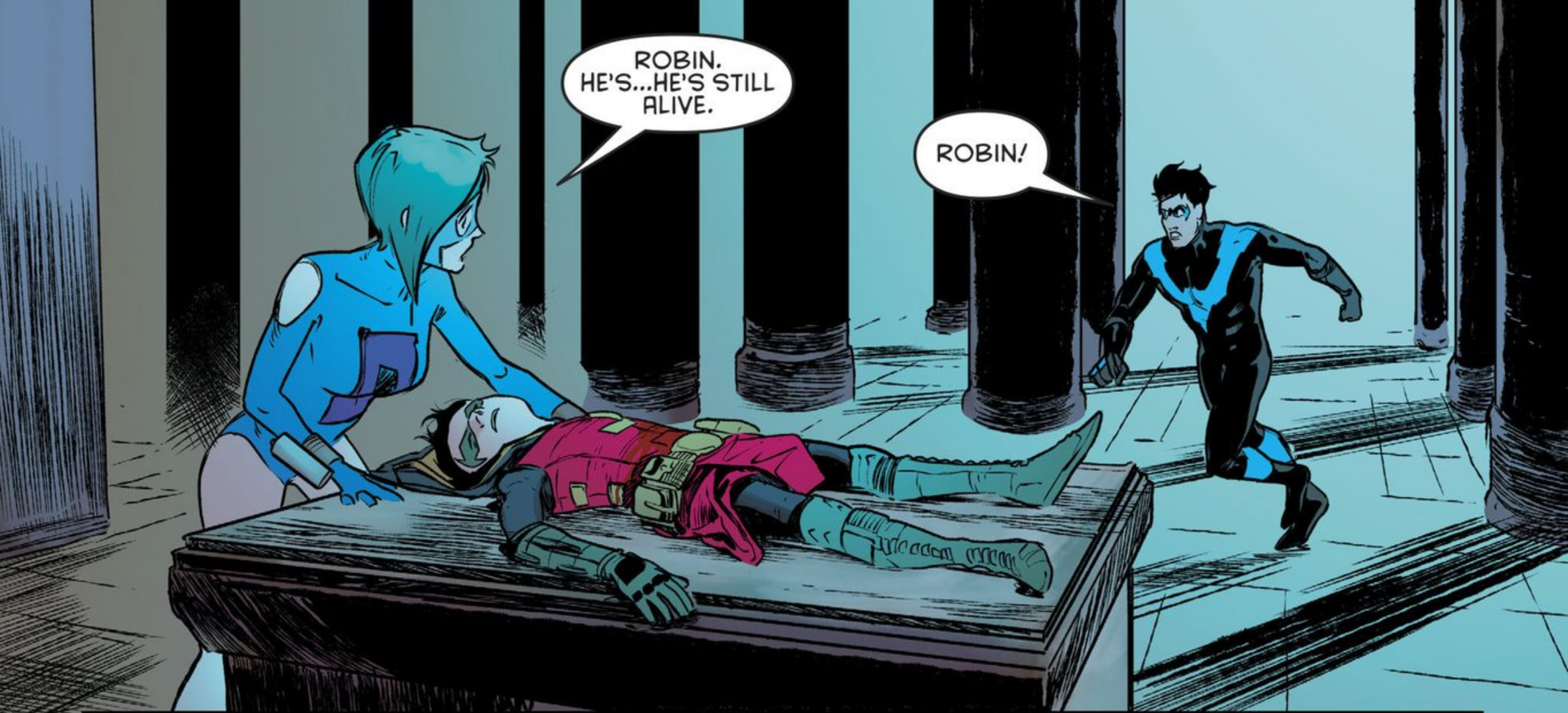
"SOMEDAY
YOU'LL INHERIT
THE RIGHT TO BE
BATMAN. BUT THE
MANTLE OF *ROBIN*
IS *MINE* TO PASS
ON.

"YOU BECOME
ROBIN TO *SAVE*
PEOPLE. TO CATCH
THEM. BECAUSE IT'S
THE *RIGHT THING*
TO DO.

"I'VE
BEEN HURT.
I'VE LOST
PEOPLE
I LOVED.

"BUT THAT'S
NOT WHAT MAKES
ROBIN. BECAUSE
IT ISN'T WHAT
MAKES *ME*."





ROBIN.
HE'S...HE'S STILL
ALIVE.

ROBIN!



COME ON, WAKE
UP, MAN!



GRAYSON.
YOU--YOU...

...ARE AN
IDIOT.



I WAS SIMPLY IN
A DEEP TRANCE,
REPAIRING THE
DAMAGE
CAUSED BY THE
HEMATOMA.

BUT--BUT
HE STABBED
YOU. LIKE, IN
THE DEATH
PARTS.



I--IT IS A FLESH WOUND.
CLEARLY I USED A SIMPLE
MUSCULAR CONTRACTION
TO MOVE MY LIVER OUT
OF THE WAY OF
THE BLADE.

YOU
CAN DO
THAT?!

I AM THE
HEIR TO THE
MANTLE OF THE
BATMAN. OF
COURSE I CAN
DO THAT.



NO. ROBIN WILL BE OF
NO USE IN THE DAYS
TO COME. I TESTED IT
MANY TIMES. HE'S TOO
STUBBORN. TOO
PROUD OF HIS
FATHER.

REMINDS
ME OF A KID
I MET NAMED
DINESH.





THE
BLADE OF
NOTHING.

I WON'T
GO BACK! I'LL
DRAG YOU ALL
WITH ME!





DEATHWI--

WE HAVE TO GO! NOW!

THROOM

Just a few days ago, I was living in the moment. The "right now."



THRRUMBL

THE WHOLE TEMPLE IS COMING DOWN!

And then with a phone call everything changed.



THROOM



With my present falling down all around me...



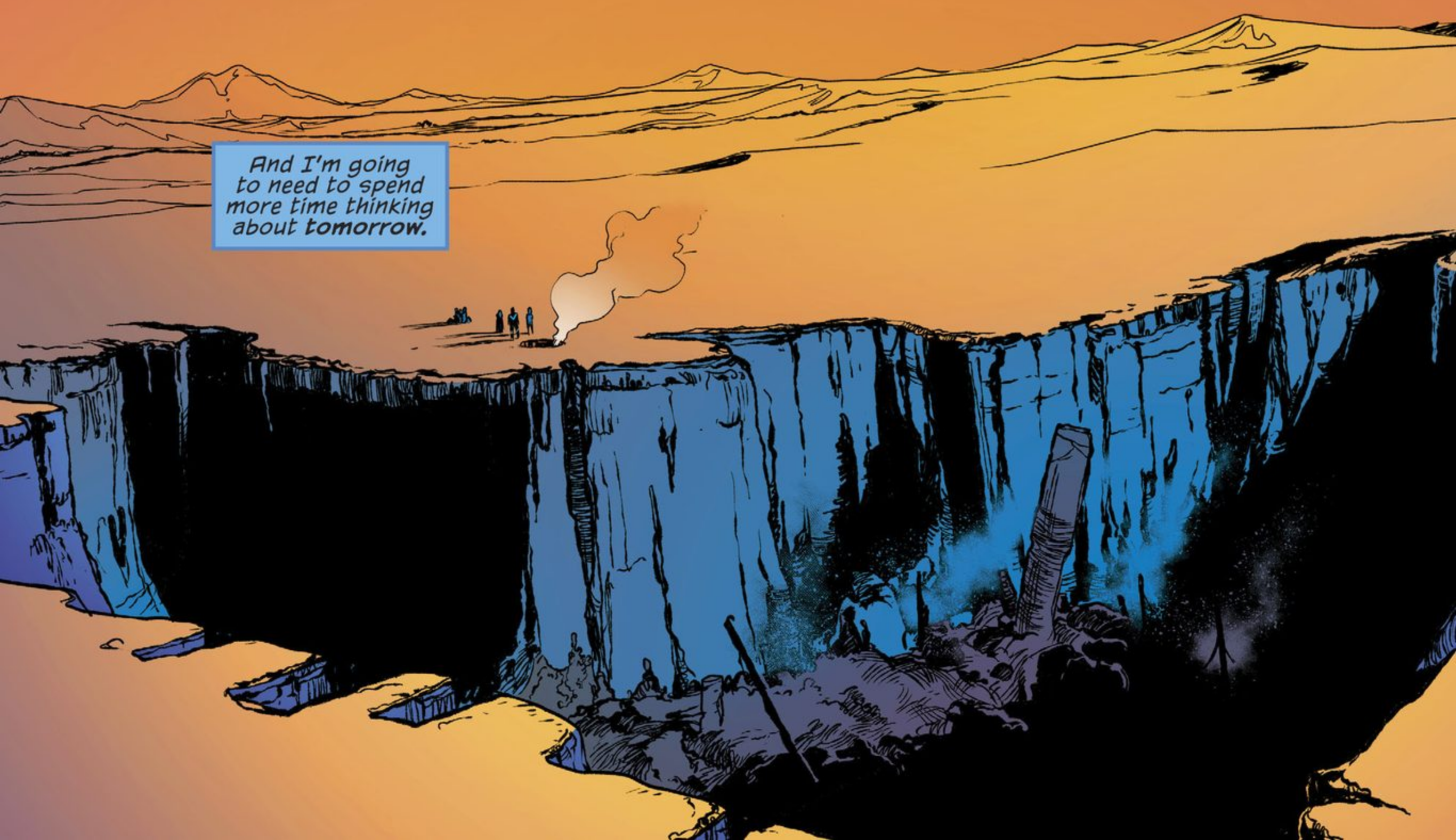
...I have no choice but to dwell in my past.



I CALLED THE TEEN TITANS. THEY OWE ME AN APOLOGY, BUT I WILL ACCEPT A PICKUP FOR ALL OF US.

AND MEDICAL ATTENTION.

DR. HURT. DEATHWING. WHERE...?



And I'm going to need to spend more time thinking about tomorrow.

**BLÜDHAVEN.
A FEW DAYS LATER.**

The bad thing
about waiting
for a pregnancy
test is...

YOU
CAN COME
IN NOW.

...you're not sure whether
to be excited or upset
about either possibility.

And you know
you're going to
be surprised...

IT'S NEGATIVE.
I'M NOT
PREGNANT.

...no matter
what your
reaction is.

DICK? CAN
I HAVE A LITTLE
SPACE? JUST
FOR A BIT.

OF COURSE.
WHATEVER
YOU NEED.

I WANT
TO DO SOME
PAINTING.



ARE YOU HEADING BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO?

SOON. WITH THE TEEN TITANS. FATHER CONFISCATED OUR BATMOBILE.

I WILL LEAVE YOU TO OUR CITY, "BATMAN OF BLUDHAVEN."

Sigh- SERIOUSLY, MAN?

NO. WAIT. I'M...THAT WAS WRONG.

YES, I AM ADMITTING A MISTAKE. I SHOULD NOT HAVE COME HERE AS I DID.

IN A TIME OF CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY, MY "DESTINY" WAS A LIFE RAFT IN A STORMY SEA.

I WAS SHAKEN AT THE THOUGHT I MIGHT LOSE THAT, TOO.

AND PERHAPS... PERHAPS...I WAS LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO...

YOU MISS ME.

TELL ANYONE, AND I WILL VISIT A THOUSAND HELLS UPON YOU, RICHARD.

HOW ABOUT I TRADE YOU A SECRET?

WHEN YOUR DAD CAME BACK, THERE WAS A MOMENT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU STAYED WITH ME. AS MY PARTNER. AS MY...

...REALLY?

YEAH. BUT THEN I THOUGHT I WAS TOO YOUNG. TOO UNTETHERED. I THOUGHT I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

I WAS AFRAID I'D BE BAD AT BEING A "DAD."

AND NOW?

NOW, I--

FZZK

...ALARM TRIPPED AT BOARDWALK FEDERAL...

GOT TIME FOR A LITTLE ACTION BEFORE YOU GO?

INDEED. PITY THESE MISCREANTS. THE HEIR TO THE MANTLE OF THE BATMAN AND THE ORIGINAL ROBIN COME FOR THEM.



WE
ARE *STILL* THE
GREATEST.

NEXT: **TIME'S UP!**

THE PREQUEL TO THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED VIDEO GAME!

INJUSTICETM 2



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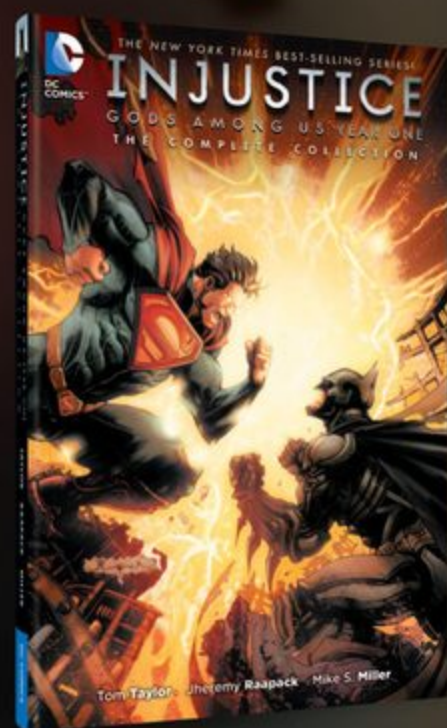
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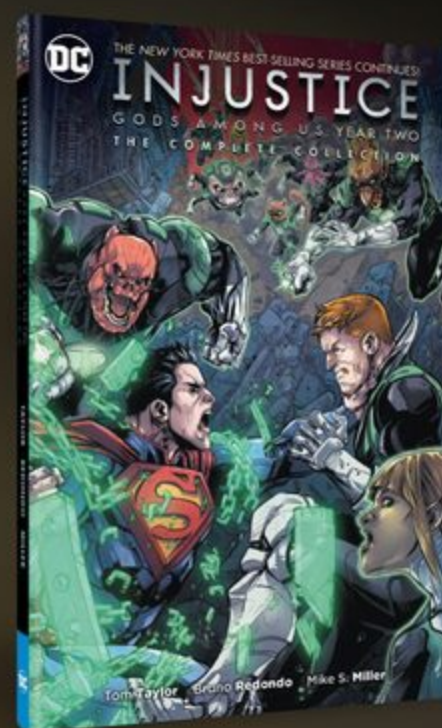
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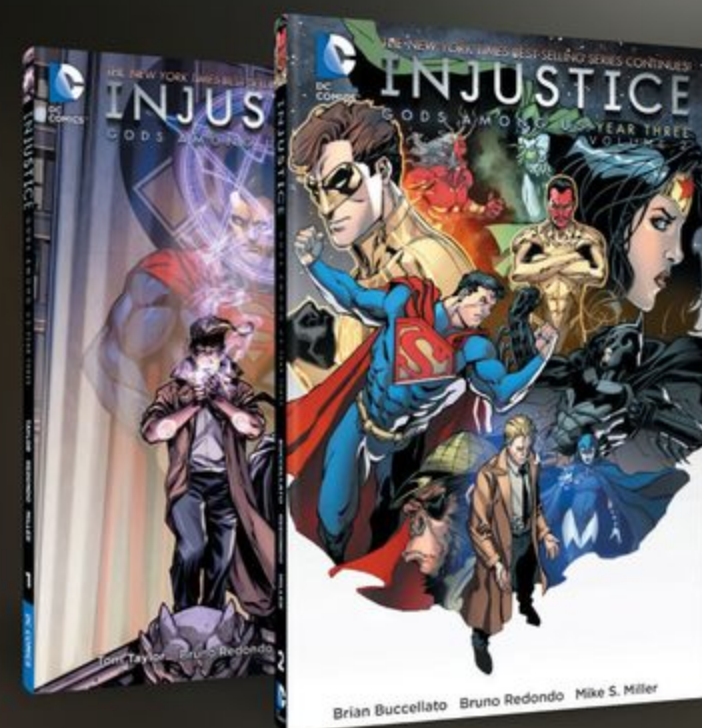
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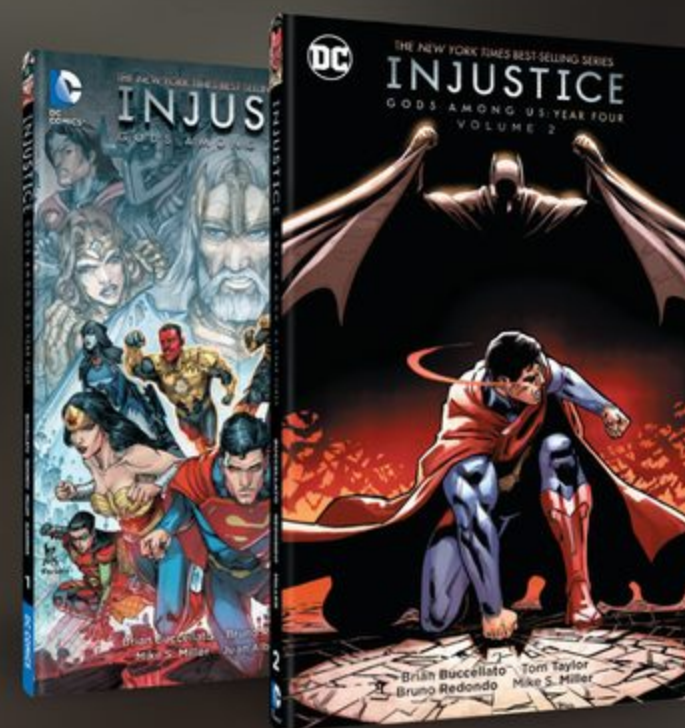
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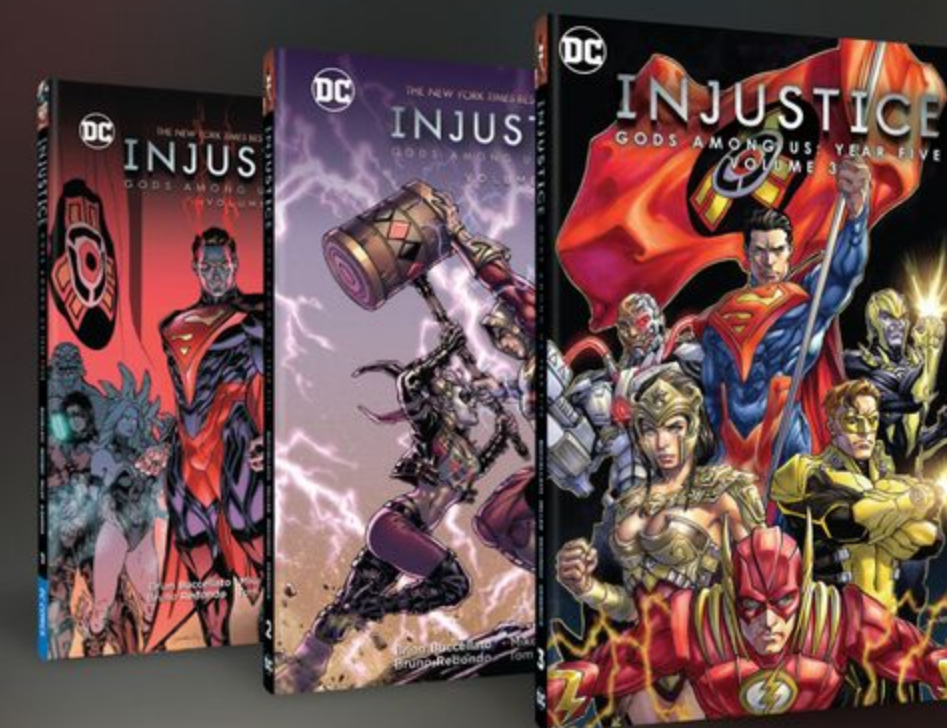
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Injustice 2 is the super-powered sequel to the hit video game *Injustice: Gods Among Us* that allows players to build and power up the ultimate version of their favorite DC characters. Available beginning May 16, it features a massive selection of DC Super Heroes and Super-Villains. Players can personalize these iconic DC characters with unique and powerful gear earned throughout the game. Additionally, for the first time, gamers can take control of how their characters look, fight and develop across a variety of game modes.

Injustice 2 continues the story set in motion in *Injustice: Gods Among Us* as Batman and his allies work toward putting the pieces of society back together, but struggle against those who would restore Superman's regime. In the midst of this chaos, a new threat appears that will put Earth's very existence at risk.

If you haven't read the *Injustice: Gods Among Us* series of graphic novels, now is the perfect time to jump on board. They allow you to delve deeper into the DC Universe of the best-selling games.

Superman was Earth's greatest hero. But he couldn't protect his home, his wife or his parents from the Joker or untimely death. Now he's decided that the only route to peace on his adopted planet is to remove

anything—and anyone—who instigates conflict. He began by putting a fist through the Joker's chest, and he hasn't become any calmer. Meanwhile, Batman believes that no matter what the crime, everyone deserves a fair trial. Now he's leading a resistance force against his former friend's authoritarian world government. You can pick up *Injustice: Gods Among Us: Years One Through Five* now.

There's also a new prequel comic book series, appropriately titled *Injustice 2*, written by Tom Taylor and illustrated by Bruno Redondo, that ships twice monthly beginning in May. The series will detail the events that take place in the run-up to the second game's story, as former leader of the resistance, Batman, settles into a world where, without Superman's tyrannical rule, new threats will try to take control.



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